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Whereas, a birthday is a very special day on which an individual pauses to reflect upon triumphs of the past and looks forward to even greater accomplishments in the years ahead; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jerry Jones, a resident of Foristell, Missouri, will commemorate his Fifty-fifth Birthday on October 19, 2007; and

Whereas, on October 19, 1952, God brought a special gift to the Jones family with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Jerry, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, the Reverend Jones has the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his marriage to Phyllis Jones and the birth of their only child; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jones has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Phyllis, and one son, Dustin Jones; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jones has compiled an impressive list of achievements that include preaching in early 1971 while still a student at Northeast Louisiana University; accepting the pastorate of the First United Pentecostal Church (now known as New Life Tabernacle) in Metairie, Louisiana; being elected general youth secretary and general youth President of United Pentecostal Church International; becoming pastor of New Life Pentecostal Church in Bridgeton, Missouri, where he served as a member of the Board of Publications of UPCI and was elected North-Central Regional Executive Presbyter; and being elected as General Secretary/Treasurer of the United Pentecostal Church International in October 1998; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jones is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our hearty congratulations and happy birthday greetings to the Reverend Jerry Jones at this significant milestone and in wishing him continued success, peace, and contentment in the years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend Jerry Jones.

Representative Bryan P. Stevenson District No. 128

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4703, adopted September 11, 2007.